GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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FUEL MARKETING POLICY
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently rapped the oil companies for abdicating their responsibility of distribution of LPG and kerosene and called for developing a parallel market to reduce the price differential between the open market and subsidised product prices ;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to announce a clear cut fuel marketing policy for oil companies ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c) : Some State Governments have expressed reservations about sale of non-PDS kerosene through the existing network of SKO dealers. Therefore, in order to ensure easy availability, the Government has advised the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to consider creation of a separate network for marketing free- sale kerosene.

Similarly, M/s. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), M/s. Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) and M/s. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) have also been authorised to sell surplus LPG directly or through parallel marketers in the country, after meeting the domestic requirement. Government have also authorised these three companies to sell their indigenously produced LPG with effect from 01.04.2006 subject to condition that bulk sale would not exceed 20% of their total sale.